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AMCONSUL PESHAWAR POUCH

C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 4201

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASECAF PK
SUBJECT: AFGHAN FRONTIER POSTS

REFS: (A) KABUL 3255 (B) TEHRAN 4021

1. WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY FINDING ANYONE ON THIS PAKISTANI
SABBATH WITH WHOM TO RAISE REFTEL (A) QUESTIONS. AMCONSUL
PESHAWAR ALSO STRUCK OUT, LEARNING ONLY THAT TELEPHONE LINE
BETWEEN PESHAWAR IB OFFICE AND TORKHAM BORDER CROSSING POINT IS
OUT.

2. HOWEVER, ALERTED TO OUR INTEREST, EMBOFF WITH ROCKEFELLER
PARTY, WHICH LUNCED AT KHYBER RIFLES HQ FIVE MILES FROM BORDER
TODAY, REPORTS -- FROM KHYBER RIFLES OFFICERS -- THAT AFGHANS
CLOSED BORDER AT 1800 27 APRIL AND THAT ALL APPEARS CALM,
WITH THE USUAL FACES IN EVIDENCE ON THE OTHER SIDE.

3. TO THIS, COMMISSIONER OF PESHAWAR DISTRICT ADDED THAT ON
EVENING OF 26TH, HE HAD REPORTS FROM OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER
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THAT AFGHANS WERE ROUNDING UP COMMUNISTS AND BUSSING THEM OFF.

4. NEW SUBJECTS:

(A) SON OF AFGHAN AMBASSADOR (AND FORMER PRIMIN, ETC.)
ETEMADI TELLS US HIS FATHER DROVE TO KABUL ON ROUTINE VISIT
26 APRIL AND HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE; IF EMBASSY LEARNS

ANYTHING OF HIS WHEREABOUTS WHICH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO PASS ON, WE (AND HIS FAMILY) WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE.

(B) EMBASSY OFFICER ROBT. LESSARD INTENDED TO TRAVEL TO KABUL FROM PESHAWAR BY ROAD WITH HIS WIFE ON MORNING OF 27TH; WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM THEM BUT ASSUME THEY ARRIVED IN KABUL ALL RIGHT. CAN EMBASSY CONFIRM?

(C) FRENCH EMBASSY HERE SAYS THEY ARE EXPECTING WORD FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN KABUL VIA US CHANNELS; HAVE THEY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY TO PASS ANY MESSAGE? THEY ARE EXPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE HERE WHO WAS ALSO ON THE PESHAWAR-KABUL ROAD YESTERDAY.
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